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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE: STATEMENT BY ITALIAN DRC REPRESENTA-
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1. IS HAS CIRCULATED NOTICE DRC/N(74)27 CONTAINING WRITTEN TEXT OF STATEMENT ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE MADE BY ITALIAN REP (MACCHIAVELLI) AT OCTOBER 15 DRC MEETING. DEC WILL DISCUSS TEXT AT DRC MEETING OCTOBER 22. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON TEXT PRIOR TO OCTOBER 22.

2. BEGIN TEXT

STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING
OF THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 15TH OCTOBER, 1974

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1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

MR. SCHLESINGER'S PROPOSAL THAT THE KEY ELEMENTS OF
THE 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT

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DPC MEETING AIMS AT GIVING THIS DOCUMENT A NEW CHARACTER WHICH WOULD MAKE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DEVENCE PLANNING.

THIS NEW CHARACTER WAS ILLUSTRATED BY MR. SCHLESINGER HIMSLEF AT THE DPC MEETING LAST JUNE (SEE ANNEX C TO DPC-VR(74)15) AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DEALT WITH IN THE DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION'S LETTER DATED 17TH SEPTEMEBER, 1974

THE ITALIAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN STRUCK BY CERTAIN CONCEPTS EMERGING FROM THESE TWO DUCMENTS AND CONSIDERS THAT THE DRC, WHEN ENDEAVOURING TO DETERMINE WHAT DEY ELEMENTS SHOULD CHARACTERIZE THE NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, MIGHT USEFULLY STUDY THEM IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION.

THIS STUDY SHOULD CONCERN MAINLY THE VALUE OF THESE CONCEPTS AS KEY ELEMENTS, THE DRAFTING OF GUIDANCE PROPER BEING POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE DECEMBER DPC MEETING.

THE ITALIAN DELEGATION'S OWN VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

(1) EXAMINATION OF THE CONVENTIONAL BALANCE, BASED ON A NUMBER OF SCENARIOS;

(2) INCLUSION IN THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE OF GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORT PROGRAMMES;

(3) NEW APPROACHES TO THE LOGISTIC PROBLEM;

(4) REGIONAL APPROACH (BY OPERATIONAL SECTORS CHARACTERIZED BY THE THREAT) TO QUESTIONS OF PRIORITY, FLEXIBILITY, LOGISTICS, ETC;

(5) REALISM IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORCE PROPOSALS BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES;

(6) THE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE WHICH IS INHERENT IN CONFIDENTIAL

MEASURES OF RATIONALIZATION, SPECIALIZATION, STANDARDIZATION. FLEXIBILITY, ETC;

(7) CONSIDERATION OF ALL NATIONAL FORCES AVAILABLE FOR ALLIANCE DEFENCE;

(8) A JOINT FORMULA TO DEFNE AVAILABLE ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RESOURCES:

(9) THREATS TO NATO DUE TO EVENTS OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA;

(10) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND THE SPRING REPORT, THE AIM BEING TO AVOID ANY DUPLICATION.

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